



Washington State Health Care Authority  
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Dear Interested Party:

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Health and Recovery Services Administration (DSHS - HRSA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List:

**Macrolides**

azithromycin \*  
clarithromycin immediate release tablet \*  
clarithromycin suspension \*  
erythromycin EC \*  
erythromycin ethylsuccinate \*  
erythromycin filmtab \*  
erythromycin stearate \*  
Ery-tab ® (333 MG)

\* Generic formulations only.

Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure. This drug class is not subject to the therapeutic interchange program (TIP).

All agencies will implement the Macrolides class on January 1, 2007.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (360) 923-2736 or by email at [pdp@hca.wa.gov](mailto:pdp@hca.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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